

2nd Grade Scoop

Nov. 12-16, 2012		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><u>Character Education</u> The Character Education word for November is: <u>Citizenship</u>. Citizenship is helping young people understand the rights and responsibilities. <u>Citizenship</u>. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!</p> <hr/> <p><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u> This week we will be learning about colonies and states <u>Vocabulary Words:</u> independence, president, sources, pilgrim's journey</p>	<p><u>Math</u> This week we will be working with addition, and subtraction strategies, doubles, and adding three digit numbers. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis. AAAAAAAAAAAAA <u>Just a reminder:</u> <u>Homework is:</u> *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Practice writing short stories *Practice fluency sheets *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night</p>	<p><u>Creative Writing</u> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are original, fun, and thought-provoking. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair." ----- <u>Spelling</u> The students are working on spelling with (e, ey, y) We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.</p>	 <p><u>Dates to Remember:</u> <u>November 12</u> - Veteran's Day Program -2:00 in our gym <u>November 13</u> - Bookmobile <u>November 16</u> -Donuts for Dads ***** <u>Phonics & Grammar</u> *Genre: News Story, and connect prior knowledge <u>Reading:</u> <u>Read Aloud Anthology</u> <u>"Cardboard Box joins Toy Hall of Fame"</u> <u>Guided Reading Groups:</u> <u>Fluency,</u> <u>comprehension skills,</u> <u>predicting, and</u> <u>author's message,</u> <u>realistic fiction, and</u> <u>author's purpose.</u> <u>Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</u> <u>Check out his</u> <u>website to see if a</u> <u>book your child is</u> <u>reading at home is an</u> <u>AR test.</u> https://www.renlearn.cm/store/quiz_home.asp</p>
<p>HONORING ALL WHO SERVED</p>  			

Vocabulary

Vocabulary is critical to reading because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: board, cook, enjoy, expensive, favorite, funny, candy, sunny

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: recently, housed, official, nominate, recreation, leisurely, ramble, archaic

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. **Writing**

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. **Bullying Contract:** I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

“Play” – (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

“Sharing the Swing” – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it. listening

Listening Center

Stories: “A Play Long Ago and Today” By Lyndette Brent

Genre: Nonfiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: imagine, favorite, year, board, popular, enjoy, cook, expensive

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author’s message.

Nov. Snacks

12– Austin
13– Abram
14– Camille
15 – Briana
16 – Grace

Thanks for providing snacks!!



We will be singing **“I’m Proud to be an American”** at the Veteran’s Day Program on November 12 at 2:00 in our gym. Please join us! Thank you! **(Please have your child wear red, white, and blue on November 12.)** Each child will also tell why they are proud to be an American. We have been practicing the song and their pieces.

Quotes of the Week–

“Educations purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one!” Forbes

“The more we share, the more we have!” George Shaw

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